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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 21st, 1887.

THE signing of an agreement between Great Britain and the Sultan of Pahang will have a marked effect in the development of the material resources of that state. A few years ago a notification was issued by the Straits Government to the effect that British subjects establishing themselves in the unprotected states of the Malay Peninsula did so at their own risk and could not claim official intervention in any disputes they might have with the native authorities.

Notwithstanding this British capital and enterprise have been directed to that rich and fertile state. Now that additional security is offered by the conclusion of the agreement this will be still more the case, and Pahang will enter on a career of prosperity similar to that which has attended the other native states since they have come under British protection. The agreement is similar to that with Johore, which is different from those with Perak, Selangor, and Kelantan, which are protected states in the full sense of the term, while Johore is nominally independent. Pahang will therefore also remain nominally independent, but its policy will inevitably be regulated to a large extent by the views of the Straits Government, and full security will be afforded to the capital invested in the country. Great hopes have been built upon the mineral resources of Pahang, which would appear to be undoubtedly great; but however these may ultimately turn out, the suitability of the country as a field for planting enterprise is beyond all question. Under the new order of things land will be eagerly taken up for this purpose both by Europeans and Chinese planters, and the Sultan will have the satisfaction of seeing his revenue grow in similar proportion to those of the other native states, which have been increasing at a most satisfactory rate, and of Selangor having more than doubled itself in the last ten years.

This alarm is again at work in the English and Australian papers. It is most important that the British Government should be kept awake to the importance of maintaining their squadrons abroad in an effective condition, always a match for any possibly hostile fleet they may have to encounter. We deprecate, however, the publication of sensational statements based on inaccurate statistics such as those contained in Lord Brassey's letter published in the Times of the 13th ult. Writing from Brisbane on the 21st July, his lordship points out that although the colonies have taken in hand the defence of their harbours, and proposals have been made that they should share with the mother country the cost of external defence, this valuable aid can scarcely be accepted as an adequate provision for the protection of the vast British interests which have been created in that distant quarter of the globe. Additional ships should be provided by a judicious redistribution of ships on foreign stations. He goes on to say: "From information supplied by Major-General Downes, the head of the defence department of Victoria, the Melbourne Argus, in a recent issue, has given a detailed comparison of the Russian fleet in the Pacific and the British squadron in Australian waters. This shows that while the British squadron consists of only one ironclad ship, the Nelson, with twelve heavy guns, in addition to the Opal, Diamond, Rapid, Swinger, Zeeven, and Dart, the three latter being gunboats, the Russians have three powerful ironclads, two carrying 16 and one 10 heavy guns, while the speed of two of them exceeds that of the Nelson. They have also six ironclad ships, all larger than any of the English vessels except the Opal." Now we are ready to concede that the Australian Squadron requires reinforcement, having regard to the long coast-line and the defenceless condition of the great cities, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Brisbane; but a scheme for the formation of a colonial navy with the co-operation of the Australian Colonies is being considered and will not doubt soon be carried into effect. What we take most exception to is the exaggerated estimate of the Russian Squadron. Instead of there being three ironclad ships on the

Station there is but one, namely the flagship Dmitri Donskoi, a fine ironclad frigate which replaced the Vladimir Monomach about a year ago. With regard to the rest of the Russian Squadron they have three fast and powerful cruisers, the Boba, Sevech, and Zarya, and the remaining vessels are corvettes and gunboats of no great speed or power, and some of them are as bad as the very worst of the "hinge ducks" in the British Squadron. The Russian Pacific Squadron is certainly larger and more powerful than the Australian Squadron, but in comparing their relative strength and considering the possibilities of their encounter, some account should be taken of the China Squadron under the command of Admiral Hamrill, part of which at any rate would, in case of war, be detached to reckon with the Russian ships. This fleet, after deducting the ironclads Wiazma and Orion, is still fully twice as strong as the Russian Squadron, and would, in an emergency, be quickly reinforced by a number of fast and powerful merchant steamers armed and fitted in Hongkong, as was done a couple of years ago. Of course the composition of the British Squadron in these waters still leaves much to be desired; but, as we pointed out on the 19th instant, it is being steadily improved, and when the Audacious is replaced by the Imperieuse, and the Melita, Exeter, Cockade, and Inimitable have been added, there will be little cause to grumble at it. Lord Brassey as an ex-Lord of the Admiralty should have been better informed as to the composition of the Russian Squadron, and in treating of it as a possible menace to Australian ports, he should not have overlooked the British Squadron in China as its natural counterpart. It is too bad to assume that the Admiral in command of this station would at any time be so blind or so stupid as to allow the Russian Squadron to slip past him to ravage the Australian coast. Nor should it be forgotten that if we have Hongkong and Singapore to look after the Russian Admiral has Visakhapatnam to protect, a fact that Lord Brassey and the Melbourne papers seem to have entirely lost sight of.

The San Francisco Bulletin says that Colonel Donby of Indiana, U. S. Minister to China, has been brought out as a candidate for Vice-President on the Cleveland ticket, as it is believed he can make the doubtful State of Indiana sure in 1888.

The Bukka Shimp, speculating on the probability of change taking place in the relations of the Japanese Government with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, says that whereas the present arrangement provides that for fifteen years the Government will make up any deficit necessary to enable the company to pay 5 per cent on the entire amount of shares, in future, for fifteen years from the establishment of the company, the Government will grant an annual subsidy of 500,000 yen. The dividend cannot exceed 8 per cent, till the debts of the company, principal and interest, are paid.

Says the Japan Mail—Since the postponement of Treaty Ratification there has been quite a number of the Corps Diplomatique from Japan. The Hon. Sir Francis Pimlott was the first to leave. He was followed by Count Zaleski, and the French Minister of the 8th inst. arrived in Hongkong. The Representative of Spain, Count Zaleski's return is expected and hoped for. M. Delavay, however, will probably be unwilling, for family reasons, to resume a post so distant from Spain as that of the Legation in Tokyo. He will be remembered both socially and diplomatically by many sinners friends in Japan.

Says the London and China Express of the 18th ult.—At the annual meeting of the Portmouth branch of the Baptist Missionary Society, this week, the Rev. P. James (missionary from Tsing Chi Pa, China) read the report of the year's work. The report stated that during the year nineteen brethren had been accepted as missionaries; among them were eight for China and two for Ceylon. Among the society's staff in Hongkong, the Representative of Japan, five in Ceylon. The Rev. C. Spurgeon McDermott, missionary in China, had written remarking, "The Chinese are a nation who are well worth all the pains that are taken to civilize them." The missionary staff had increased, chiefly in China and India. In China, during the last few years, the mission staff had been increased from two to twenty-two.

The Nagasaki Rising of the 12th inst. gives the following movement of men-of-war—H. B. M. S. Conestoga arrived from Hongkong on the 20th inst. The Conestoga is expected to remain about four days. The Conestoga arrived from the same port the following afternoon. The Conestoga is expected to remain about four days. The Conestoga arrived from the same port the following afternoon. The Conestoga is expected to remain about four days.

The Occidental and Oriental S. S. Co.'s steamer San Pablo, with the latest American mail, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 13th inst.

A new and handsome building in the Orchard Road, Singapore, for the Raffles Library and Museum, was opened by Sir Frederick Weld, the Governor, on the 12th inst.

From the telegram we reproduce to-day from the Straits papers it would appear that the Sultan of Morocco is not dead, as previously reported by Renter, but that he has been ill.

It is said, according to the Singapore Free Press, that the Methodist Episcopal Mission are about to establish a small hospital for women to be superintended by a qualified lady doctor who is expected at Singapore by the end of the year.

The Agents (Messrs. Hutterlich & Strie) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Steamer from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday morning for this port. The same company's steamer, the Steamer, from London, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for Hongkong.

A California contemporary of strong anti-Chinese proclivities writes—"Another Chinese house servant in Colusa county has made a murderous attack upon his employer. He is likely to suffer the fate of Hong Kong. It is a pity that the Chinese are so prone to murder. The 'chill-like and bland' Mongol is likely to stay in this country as long as he can get a job. It is too risky to employ these creatures where a single lively fellow has opportunity to 'retire' himself."

The Japan Gazette says that the steamer Guelic, which left Yokohama on the 11th inst., had on board some 20,000 Omani sugar trees, consigned to the steamer Co. of Germany. The last San Francisco steamer also took a large shipment of the same tree. The trees have been gathered in different parts of Japan by Mr. Louie Kishida, who is well known in California, and will be planted out in California on land already arranged for.

In the list of gentlemen present at the Governor's levee on Wednesday the name of Mr. W. H. Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, and Lieut-Col. F. G. Cook, A.C.G. Commissary and Transport Department, were inadvertently omitted from the list. The friends of the Acting Registrar, who is well known in California, and will be planted out in California on land already arranged for.

Kishino's Trade Review says—"During the last year and a half best sugar (and sugar) has been imported to Peking from Germany. The three manufacturers preserved their position in Peking. The German sugar is of a high quality, and is much cheaper than Peking or Java sugar, which is much dearer. The largest of these factories derived in 1886 400,000 cwt. of 100 kg. from Germany, and the whole year up to the 30th of April 1887 the same weight. The quality of the German sugar has given complete satisfaction."

It is with great regret we have to record the sudden death of Mr. Louis Hauschild, accountant in the Hongkong and Wharfedale Dock Company. His Excellency also inspected yesterday evening Mr. Hauschild's demise at Yokohama, whither he had gone, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Hauschild, for the benefit of his health. Hauschild is said to have been the cause of death. Mr. Hauschild was a very old and greatly respected resident in this Colony, where he had made many friends, and much sympathy will be felt for his widow and family.

The Straits Times of the 11th inst. gives the following information as to the movements of Governor Weld—H. E. the Governor was entertained at a farewell dinner by H. E. the Governor at the Hotel de Ville on the 10th inst. On the 11th inst. he gave a large official dinner at Government House. On the 12th inst. he entertained His Excellency at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville. On the 13th inst. he gave a large official dinner at Government House. On the 14th inst. he entertained His Excellency at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville. On the 15th inst. he gave a large official dinner at Government House. On the 16th inst. he entertained His Excellency at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville. On the 17th inst. he gave a large official dinner at Government House. On the 18th inst. he entertained His Excellency at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville. On the 19th inst. he gave a large official dinner at Government House. On the 20th inst. he entertained His Excellency at a dinner at the Hotel de Ville. 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For Freight, apply to

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"SOUTH AMERICAN,"

Tucker, Master, will load here for the above

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HONGKONG, 7th October, 1887. 11547

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"GLAN MACKENZIE,"

Geo. R. Harris, Master, will load here for the

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FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT).

THE 100 A.I. British Ship

"ROUSDAL,"

A. C. Whyte, Master, will load here for the

above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

HONGKONG, 26th August, 1887. 11630

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I. American Ship

"GOVERNOR GOODWIN,"

shortly expected, will load here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

HONGKONG, 26th August, 1887. 116

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L.I. German Ship

"MELUSINE,"

C. Mehlhauer, Master, will load here and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

HONGKONG, 10th October, 1887. 11986

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWALL,"

S. R. Ulmer, Master, shortly expected here, will

load for the above Port, and will have quick

despatch.

For Freight, apply to

HONGKONG, 21st September, 1887. 11825

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE"

-HEIDISIECK & Co.-

MONOPOLE Red Seal (medium dry).

Do. "Red Seal" (dry).

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WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, Queen's Road West.

HONGKONG, 14th March, 1881. 11762

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Underigned, having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to

ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current

Rates.

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

HONGKONG, 16th November, 1882. 114

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM.

PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$2,000,000

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,288,000

CLAIMS PAID \$2,500,000

RISKS accepted at CURRENT RATES OF

PRIMA.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN,

Secretary.

HONGKONG, 1st September, 1887. 121

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

The Underigned, Agents for the above Com-

pany, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS

against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

HONGKONG, 16th July, 1887. 116

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COM.

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MAIL EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer San Pablo, with the

American mail of the 1st instant, left San

Francisco on that date, and may be expected

here on or about the 28th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Glen Line steamer Glenloch left Singa-

pore on the 16th, and is due here on the 22nd

instant.

The Shire Line steamer Penobscot left

Singapore on the 16th, and is due here on the

22nd instant.

The Union Line steamer Guy Mannering left

Singapore on the 16th, and is due here on the

24th instant.

The O. S. S. Co. steamer Stentor left Singa-

pore on the morning of the 20th, and is due here

on the morning of the 27th instant.

The O. S. S. Co. steamer Patroclus left

Singapore on the evening of the 20th, and is due

here on or about the 27th instant.

The F. & A. steamer Tasmanic left Port

Darwin on the 19th, and is due here on or about

the 30th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

When Correspondence has been sent out of

the office, all the addresses need do is to

note on the cover, sent to —, or Received

of 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it

without any other writing whatever, to the

Postmaster-General. This must be set on

the first time of complaint; it is a

mistake to let such matters pass for fear of

giving trouble, a course which generally gives

more trouble in the end.

The Postal Guide for 1886, revised to date

will be found in the Daily Press Register, p. 355

large edition, p. 701, small edition, p. 702.

The only authorized complete Summary of

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Local Delivery.—No delivery is attempted

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Kowloon, or at any private house (even though

named in the address) when there is a place of

business nearest which delivery can be effected.

The authorized List of Mails issued in

connection with this paper is the one published

twice each day in our Press, which is always

corrected to a much later hour than that given

below.

A.M. MAIL WITH CLOSURE.

For Swatow, and Bangkok.—Per Taichow,

to-day, the 21st inst., at 3.30 A.M.

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